

FISHERIES OF ICELAND.

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The smacks fishing from Reykjavik, about 50 in number, did well during 1911, says a recent consular report on the fisheries of Iceland, their catch consisting chiefly of large cod and less than usual of the cheaper qualities of fish, such as small cod, haddock and saithe. The Icelandic fleet of trawlers, of which there were six last year, did exceedingly well. During the earlier part of the season they salted their catch aboard, landed it, and cured it in the usual Icelandic manner. During the latter part of the season they took their catch to the United Kingdom in ice and realized very good prices. This year there are eight steam trawlers owned by Icelanders and two British boats hired by Icelandic merchants. All of these boats have so far done well. There are also two German steam trawlers hired by Icelanders on the west coast of the island.

Fish and fish products were the most important features of Iceland's exports during 1909, and included shipments of salt cod valued at \$830,274; small cod, \$306,599; salt haddock, \$110,581; ling, tusk and saithe, \$54,631; uncured and half-cured fish, \$34,708; salt herring, \$161,009; cod oil and shark oil, \$71,080; whale oil, \$333,282, and other whale products, \$99,598. The Seydisfjord fishery was good during the whole summer. The cod fishery in the fjord was carried on with about the same number of motor boats as in 1909, besides a few rowboats. The fishing per motor boat was very much better than during the previous year, although the constant bad weather during the autumn prevented much fishing during that period. The rowboats have been fishing extremely well, as there has been a lot of cod standing near the coast, where these boats have their fishing grounds.

In 1910 some merchants at Seydisfjord started buying green fish from a Grimsby trawler, which landed the fish here every two or three days, during May and early June, when the fishing at Hvalsbak was very abundant. The good result obtained from this venture led to its being repeated on a larger scale during 1911, contracts having already been made with more trawlers. This is of the greatest interest to the populace here, as there is practically no work at all going on during the winter, in fact, not till the motor boats start fishing in May, and then the weather often prohibits successful fishing for quite a long time. But with the trawlers landing in April as is the intention, there will be work in plenty curing and preparing the cod. Several Norwegian line fishers also landed their catch at Seydisfjord regularly during the 1910 season, but their fish had been salted on board. The year 1910 was a good one for the fishermen. Herring fishery with trap seines (snurpevod) was carried on during the summer of 1910, like the previous year, by the joint stock company Aldan of Seydisfjord, but with poor results. Otherwise there was no herring fishing in the fjord and very little in the fjords to the southward except small herrings caught in casting seines, which have been sold for bait to the motor boats. On the north coast, especially at Sigleford and Eyjafjord, a considerable herring fishery was carried on, as in previous years.

The fisheries of Westmann Islands are chiefly cod and ling. About 50 motor boats are engaged in the industry. The fishing, which is the principal occupation, and on which the commercial well-being of the Westmann Islands mainly depends, was very good during 1910 and 1911, and it must be admitted the motor boats are a great advance in the direction of fishing in the islands. The size of the boats is about 34 feet long and 10 to 11 feet wide, they having an engine of eight to 12 horsepower. The motors are all Danish and burn petroleum. The result of the cod fishery reached in 1910 higher figures than ever before, the whole catch amounting to about 800,000 which gives an average of 150 to 250 shipments of dried and cured fish for each boat, and because of higher prices for the fish than those in 1909 the net profits were above the average. In 1910 a few boats were engaged in herring fishing during the summer months, but the financial result was generally poor, some of the boats having, in fact, been worked, at a loss. The number of trawlers of all nationalities that fish around the island is increasing year by year.

The total exports of the principal fishery products from the Westmann Islands during 1910 were: Cod—full cured, 20,732 cwt.; half cured, 45,800 (pieces); sounds, 104 cwt.; cod-liver oil, 1394 barrels; roes, \$13 barrels; halibut, frozen, 260 cwt.

SOLD HALIBUT AT PORTLAND.

SCH. KINEO BROUGHT 7000 POUNDS SALT COD TO THIS PORT.

Arrivals here this morning were few, the only crafts reported up to noon being schs. A. D. Story from Georges handling with 15,000 pounds of salt cod, and 2000 pounds of halibut and sch. Kineo from Portland, which brought over 7000 pounds of salt cod, after disposing of her halibut.

Only the steamers of the gill netting fleet were out yesterday and they had about 35,000 pounds. Sch. Quoddy again headed the list with 10,200 weight, while steamer Nomad had 8000, steamers Margaret D. and Enterprise about 7000 pounds each and steamer F. S. Willard, 2500 pounds.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:
Sch. Kineo, via Portland, 7000 lbs. salt cod.
Sch. A. D. Story, Georges, 15,000 lbs. salt cod, 2000 lbs. halibut.
Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 10,200 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 2500 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Nomad, gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.
Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.
Sch. Valentinna, shore.
Sch. Clara G. Silva, shore.
Sch. Edith Silveria, shore.
Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, shore.
Sch. Emily Sears, shore.
Sch. Mettacommet, shore.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Onato, haddocking.
Sch. Valentinna, haddocking.
Sch. Valerie, haddocking.
Sch. Elsie, haddocking.
Sch. Mary E. Silveria, haddocking.
Sch. Rita A. Viator, haddocking.
Sch. Jeanette, haddocking.
Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, haddocking.
Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, haddocking.
Sch. Vanessa, haddocking.
Sch. Matthew S. Greer, haddocking.
Sch. Raymah, haddocking.
Sch. Harmony, haddocking.
Sch. Ellen C. Burke, haddocking.
Sch. Rhodora, halibuting.
Sch. Pauline, Georges, handling.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.
Handline Georges codfish, large \$5 per cwt, medium, \$4.50, snappers \$3.
Eastern halibut codfish, large, \$4.75 mediums, \$4.25.
Haddock, \$1.50.
Pollock, \$1.50.
Cusk, large, \$2.50, medium, \$2, snappers, \$1.50.
Hake, \$1.50.

Fresh Fish.
Haddock, \$1 per cwt.
Peak cod, large, \$2.15, medium, \$1.75, snappers, 75 cts.
Western cod, large, \$2.25, mediums, \$1.85 snappers, 75 cts.
All codfish not gilled, 10 cts. per 100 pounds less than the above.
Cusk, large, \$1.50, medium, \$1.20 snappers, 60 cts.
Bank halibut, 11c per lb. for white and 9c for gray.

Bait Prices.
Frozen bluebacks, \$2.50 to \$3 per cwt.
Newfoundland frozen herring, \$2.50 to \$2.75 per cwt.
Shore frozen herring, \$2 to \$3 per bbl.
Frozen squid, \$3.75 per cwt.

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Frogs Legs 75 Per Pound.
That spring is here is evidenced by the fact that green frog legs were on sale this week, says the Fishing Gazette. Only 75c per pound.

Here To Fit.
Sch. Mertis H. Perry has arrived from Maine and will fit out here, probably for fresh halibuting.

THE LARGEST HALIBUT STOCK.

SCH. JOHN HAYS HAMMOND MADE IT LAST YEAR; CAPT. SPINNEY GOES AGAIN.

What is undoubtedly the greatest year's work ever made in the fresh halibut fishery was realized by that speedy flyer, sch. John Hays Hammond, in 1911, her stock for that period being \$36,573.61.

The Hammond will be five years old next July 18 and she has been a steady money maker from the very first trip she made, thus paying a flattering compliment to the prosperous citizen for whom she is named.

Capt. Lemuel E. Spinney, the owner, commanded the craft a little better than six months last season and during that time his stock was \$22,948.73, big money for half a year's fishing. Capt. Fred Thompson commanded the craft early in the season until his sch. Gov. Foss was ready for him and made some nice trips, his stock being \$13,624.88, swelling the year's work to \$36,573.61 to be exact.

The best previous year's record in the halibut fishery was attained by Capt. Spinney in 1901 when he commanded the sch. Dictator, his stock that year being \$31,350. Skippers may come and skippers may go but the quiet Spinney's situation as one of the "very best that ever went" is secure for all time.

Capt. Spinney will now again resume command of the Hammond and will probably get away Thursday.

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FIRST MACKEREL HAS BEEN CAUGHT

The first mackerel to be caught this season arrived yesterday afternoon at Fulton Market, N. Y., according to a dispatch to the Times yesterday afternoon.

The fish was taken in one of the traps at Perry, Virginia, and was sent to Chesboro Brothers, Fulton Market, fish dealers. The fish was of medium size and weighed a pound and a half. It was sold to Blackford's market.

The first mackerel caught last year, according to records, was two weeks earlier than this season.

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Shad at T Wharf.
Regardless of the fact that the dock was ankle deep with slush and that the vessels in were blanketed with snow, T wharf rejoiced yesterday in signs of spring. Between 40 and 50 barrels of shad came, the first shipment of the season, a few barrels from New York and the rest from the South.

Will Go South.
James Thorburn of Shelburne, N. S., who for many years has been mackerel seining out of this port, arrived Sunday last on the steamer Boston and will join Capt. Lemuel Firth in sch. Sylvania on a southern mackerel trip. For many years "Jimmie" was found sailing with Capt. Joseph Smith.

First Seiner Fitting Today.
Capt. Thaddeus Morgan has commenced to fit sch. Constellation for her southern mackerel seining trip and expects to get away in a few days, probably being the first of the fleet to sail.

Believe Sloop Lost.
The fishing sloop Barbara of Provincetown, Capt. John Johnson, is believed to have foundered on Hog Island, Vineyard Sound. She has not been heard of since the big storm of last week.

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Sold Halibut at Portland.
Sch. Kineo was at Portland yesterday and disposed of her halibut fare of about 19,000 pounds.

New Fish Freezing Concern.
The Puritan Fish Freezing Co., of Provincetown, Mass., has been incorporated with a capital stock of \$150,000. The directors are Joshua Paine, Chas. W. Dyer and John Adams, all of Provincetown.

Codfish Off Long Island.
South shore fishermen off Amagansett, L. I., are still reported as having good catches of codfish, and are said also to be getting good prices for their fish. The fish are averaging large.

On the Railways.
Steamer R. J. Kellick and sch. Boyd and Leeds are on Rocky Neck railways.
Sch. Ralph L. Hall is on Burnham Brothers' railways.

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HEARING APRIL 25.
On Congressman Gardner's Bill to Put a Stop to Beam Trawling.

A hearing on the bill introduced into congress by Congressman Gardner to prohibit the landing of beam trawl caught fish will be given by the house committee on merchant and marine and fisheries on April 25.

Capt. Carl C. Young, James B. Connolly and Richard W. Freeman, representing the local committee, went to Washington yesterday to see the officials of the treasury department and members of congress for the purpose of gathering material with which to support the bill.

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Launched at Lunenburg and Work Will Be Begun on Another.

A pretty launch took place at the yard of W. C. Smith & Co., limited, Lunenburg, N. S., last Wednesday, when the trim fishing sch. Mantanzas glided gracefully into the waves.

The Mantanzas was modelled by John F. Morash and built under the direction of Stephen Morash. The vessel is 121 feet over all, beam 26 feet, and hold 10½ feet. She is built of the best material throughout and is a splendid specimen of the shipbuilder's art. The cabin, which is finished in birch, is especially handsome.

The new vessel will be commanded by Capt. Naaman Wentzell, of Riverport, one of the young and prosperous master mariners of the county.

After doing some repair work, builder Stephen Morash will begin in John B. Young's yard the construction of a tern schooner. This vessel will be commanded by Capt. Stephen Berringer and will be used for fishing on the banks.

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FOR MENHADEN INDUSTRY.

Largest Steam Craft Of the Kind Launched At Rockland, Me.

From the yard of Cobb, Butler & Co., there was launched recently the largest steam craft ever constructed for the menhaden industry. It is named the William B. Murray and will hail from Greenport, N. Y.

It has a capacity of 6000 barrels of fish, one-quarter more than the capacity of any other menhaden steamer in American waters. The Murray has a gross tonnage of about 400 and a net tonnage of about 250.

The principal dimensions are: Length of keel, 169 feet; beam, 24.1 feet; depth of hold, 13 feet. The hull is constructed of oak, planked and ceiled with Oregon fir.

The steamer will carry a crew of 35, but has accommodations for 55 men. Capt. M. J. Marran of Patchogue, L. I., who has been in command of the steamer of that name, will command the Murray. The craft was christened by Miss Therese White.

The steamer's machinery will be installed at Portland. Two steamers, which are duplicates of the Murray, are on the stocks and will be pushed to completion. Impetus having been given the industry by the appearance on the Maine coast last season for the first time in many years of immense schools of menhaden.

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BEST DAY FOR GILL NETTERS.

HUSTLING LITTLE FLEET LANDED 77,000 POUNDS FISH HERE YESTERDAY.

One Georges handliner, sch. Patriot arrived here yesterday afternoon with 8000 pounds of salt cod and 2000 pounds of halibut.

Four of the fleet at Boston yesterday morning brought down a portion of their fares. They are schs. Belbina P. Domingoes, 15,000 pounds, Mina Swim, 25,000 pounds, Richard, 60,000 pounds and Mary B. Greer, 50,000 pounds.

Yesterday was the best day yet for the gill netters all the fleet being out but one. The banner trip was landed by steamer Nomad, which hauled for 9500 pounds, while steamers Gelsha and Bethulia hauled for 8000 pounds, and F. S. Willard, 7000 pounds each. The total landings were 77,000 pounds.

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Sch. Patriot, Georges, 8000 lbs. salt cod 2000 lbs. fresh halibut.

Str. Ibsen, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Alice, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Quoddy, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Eagle, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Naomi Bruce, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Rough Rider, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Margaret D., gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. F. S. Willard, gill netting, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Prince Olaf, gill netting, 3500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Nomad, gill netting, 9500 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Enterprise, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Bethulia, gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Venture, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Hope, gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Str. Gelsha, gill netting, 8000 lbs. fresh fish.

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Had a Fine Season.

Capt. Martin L. Welch of sch. Lucania, after a highly successful season in the fresh haddock fishery, has laid his craft up for a short while and will fit for south seining about the middle of April.

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ROBINSON'S LARGE PLANT.

Work has begun on the construction of an immense new codfish curing plant for the Robinson Fisheries Co. at Anacortes, Wash., which will be, it is said, the most modern and complete of its kind on the Pacific coast, and equal to any in the country. Work is to be rushed so that the plant may be completed in time to take care of this season's catch.

The main building will be three stories in height, and will have a total floor space of 52,000 square feet. It will be 160 feet long by 90 feet wide with sheds 27 1/2 feet wide on each side and extending up to the second story, making the total width of the first floor 145 feet. The dock for the plant will be 450 feet long by 140 feet wide. The first floor will be devoted to the fish in their wet state and the second for the cured product, while the third will be used for storing cased goods.

LIGHT DEMAND FOR SALT FISH.

The market for salt fish is off, says the Fishing Gazette. Demand is light; supplies are greater than were anticipated and a lot of people with plenty of excellent fish on hand are wondering what the next two weeks will bring forth. Notwithstanding the grave uncertainty of the immediate future prices are unchanged—yes even firm, in spite of talk of a lower level. Domestic trade in salt fish is quite satisfactory to all concerned. Never before have the people of the United States in a short period consumed more dried codfish of high grade than so far in Lent 1912. Foreign trade continues far below expectations and big holders of stocks for export are puzzled over the lack of consumption of salt fish in the hot climates. Stocks from producing points are moving well, holders there consigning freely in the hope of seeing, apparently, some kind of real money coming to them. The outlook for the 1912 fishing is about the same as a year ago except, perhaps, that more people will be catching and curing fish than were engaged in the industry one year ago.

Lunenburg Fishing Notes.

The waterfront is very busy with vessels fitting out for the banks. There were 80 vessels in the harbor on Monday. The wharves are congested with shipping and a forest of masts stretches for nearly a quarter of a mile.

The new schooner R. L. Borden, Capt. Alvin Himmelman, arrived from Riverport on Monday and is now at the wharf of Robin, Jones and Whitman, limited, fitting for the banks.

Schs. Jennie E. Ritcey, Eva June and Artisan are at the wharf of W. C. Smith and Company, limited, fitting for the banks.

Schs. Mayola, Lillian B. Corkum (new) and Edith Marguerite are at Zwicker's wharves fitting for the banks.

Schs. Defender, Marion Adams (new), Gladys and Lillian and Acadia are at Adams and Knickle's wharves fitting for the banks.

Schs. Uramus, formerly owned here, sailed yesterday from Hubbard's Cove for the banks on a fishing trip.

San Diego Men All Safe.

The eight vessels reported from San Diego, Cal., last week as having been lost at sea with more than 19 lives on board returned safely to port this week badly battered but with all on board alive. The men were almost dead from fatigue consequent upon keeping the pumps going in a three days' fight with sea and wind. The cost was a full year's profits.

Portland Fish Notes.

Several fares of fish were landed at Portland Monday, the principal ones of which were: Albert W. Black 12,000, Eva and Mildred 3000, Angie B. Watson 7000, Fanny Reed 6000, Watauga 4000.

Fresh Fish Sale.

The fresh fare of cod of sch. Mina Swim sold to the Henry E. Pinkham Fish company at \$2 a hundred weight for large and \$1.65 for mediums, the market figures on ungilled fish.

Going After the Pollock.

Capt. John McKinnon will fit steamer Philomena for pollock seining.

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SMALL FLEET IN PRICES BETTER.

NO LARGE FARES AMONG THE TEN VESSELS IN AT T WHARF.

The T wharf fleet this morning consists of three of the steam trawlers with a total of 106,000 pounds, sch. Mildred Robinson also from off shore with 42,000 pounds and six shore crafts.

Steamer Swell had 49,000 pounds, the Ripple 41,000 pounds and the Foam a light fare of about 16,000 weight. Of the shore fleet, sch. Eliza, both W. Nunan has 19,000 pounds, Annie and Jennie, 8700 pounds and Olive F. Hutchings, 7400 pounds.

Prices are better today than they have been for several days, haddock selling from \$2.50 to \$4.50 a hundred weight cod, \$2.50 to \$4.50 right through, hake, \$2 to \$3.50, pollock, \$5; cusk, \$2.

Boston Arrivals.

The receipts and prices in detail are:

Sch. George H. Lubee, 11,000 haddock, 1500 cod, 400 hake.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, 2500 haddock, 200 cod.

Sch. Mildred Robinson, 27,500 haddock, 10,000 cod, 4000 hake, 1200 halibut.

Steamer Foam, 13,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Steamer Swell, 47,000 haddock, 2000 cod.

Steamer Ripple, 38,000 haddock, 3000 cod.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchings, 4000 haddock, 3400 cod.

Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 500 cod, 18,000 hake, 1000 cusk.

Sch. Georgiana, 800 cod.

Sch. Laura Enos, 1600 cod.

Haddock, \$2.50 to \$4.50 per cwt.; cod, \$2.50 to \$4.50; hake, \$2 to \$3.50; pollock, \$5; cusk, \$2.

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SPRANG ALEAK ON THE BANK.

SCH. PATRIOT FORCED TO GIVE UP THE VOYAGE AND COME HOME.

Sch. Patriot, Capt. William Bissert, arrived from a Georges' handlining trip yesterday afternoon, the craft having been obliged to abandon her trip on account of leaking.

The craft sailed from here February 24 and after setting on the banks sprang aleak and put into Liverpool, N. S., where temporary repairs were made and again proceeded to Georges but was unable to finish her trip, as she soon commenced to leak again, so badly that it was necessary to give up the voyage and come home.

She brought in 8000 pounds of salt cod and 2000 pounds of halibut and as soon as these are taken out, will go on the ways for an overhauling.

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Having New Engine.

Sch. Saladin will fit next week for southern south mackerel seining under Capt. John Matheson and will probably get away by Wednesday or Thursday. A new gasoline engine, the Standard type, and of 100 horsepower capacity, is being installed.

Canal Handy Already.

Business has already begun on the Cape Cod canal. The sch. Crescent sailed up the canal as far as Sagamore a few days ago where she anchored and discharged her cargo of fresh fish which was shipped to Boston.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Margaret Dillon and Virginia arrived at Liverpool, N. S., last Saturday and cleared for the fishing grounds.

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IS GOING TO LIVERPOOL, N. S.

WILLIAM H. PERKINS SECURES PLANT AND WILL LOCATE THERE IN FISH BUSINESS.

The fish and business interests of the city will regret to learn that William H. Perkins is soon to leave here to engage in business for himself at Liverpool, N. S.

Mr. Perkins has secured the fishing stand of the late Andrew McNutt at the entrance of Liverpool harbor, which is well adapted for carrying on the fishing business.

For the past 30 years, Mr. Perkins has been engaged in the fishing business and has made a reputation for the curing of first-class fish. He knows the business from A to Z in all its branches. He now intends to make a specialty of the Canadian stock salted boneless codfish for the Canadian and Boston market.

He will leave Boston by the Yarmouth steamer next Tuesday with the best wishes of all for much success in his new enterprise.

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PROSPERITY IN NEWFOUNDLAND.

Newfoundland is passing through a period of unequaled prosperity as indicated by the colonial budget presented to the Legislature by the minister of finance yesterday.

The fiscal year, which ended in June, 1911, showed a surplus of \$170,000, and the present year will equal if not exceed that, he said. In the matter of import and export trade there was an increase of more than \$750,000, while the customs revenue for the past eight months has exceeded that for the same period of last year by \$180,000. These figures, it was reported by the minister, indicate the largest normal increase in the history of the colony.

The Legislature was asked by the minister to provide an appropriation of \$2,000,000 to complete branch railroad construction and \$250,000 for lighthouse and telephone extension.

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Fine Stocks.

Capt. William H. Thomas of sch. Thomas S. Gorton, stocked \$2133.33 on his recent haddock trip, while the crew shared \$49.39 clear. Capt. Thomas has been getting in his old time work in the winter haddock fishery and is among the leaders as usual.

Sch. Terra Nova, Capt. John Hickoy stocked on his recent trip \$2265, while the crew's part was \$56 to a man.

Ice on Grand Bank.

Captain Keith of the British freighter Aberlen which arrived at Philadelphia recently reported encountering a vast area of drifting ice on which rode hundreds of seals. The vessel struck the huge floe east of the Grand Bank and was obliged to steam through it for 50 miles.

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Sealers Doing Better.

The Newfoundland seal fishery prospects, which have appeared very unsatisfactory previously, took on a more hopeful look yesterday when word was received at St. John's that the ships had found the main body of the seal herds among the ice floes and about one-third of the fleet had made a good killing.

Caught Big Sea Bass.

Capt. McDonald of Pass Christian, Miss., and four men out dory fishing in the Gulf caught a sea bass weighing 440 pounds, which required seven and a half hours to land.

Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Fannie E. Prescott, Helen B. Thomas and Buema were at Liverpool, N. S., Monday and cleared for the fishing grounds.